

TWO GOALS OF N.H.S. LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

By Peter Nash

The Bishop Ford chapter of the National Honor Society has conducted its first meetings and members have begun the planning of what should be an eventful 1984-85 school year. Faculty moderator Mr. Kenneth Tom is working closely with officers Mary Colon (President), Martin Brennan (Vice President), Peter Nash (Secretary) and Laura Allen (Treasurer) to carry out this year's major goals.

The society's main purpose is to initiate new ideas and activities with the hope that they will be continued under the direction of other organizations within Bishop Ford. A shining example of this initiation of ideas is the annual Fun-Run which raises funds for charitable organizations. The NHS introduced the Fun-Run and has organized it for the past 3 years. Our Bishop Ford track teams have been very active in each run and has now taken into its hands, the leadership of the Fun-Run project.

This year the NHS continued to do its part in the Muscular Dystrophy Dance-a-thon, organizing and providing members for workers. National Honor Society sponsorship of the annual blood drive will also continue as both of these events provide aid for Bishop Ford and local communities. In addition to these annual happenings, the NHS is undertaking the new projects of inviting guest speakers to Ford to discuss various topics of interest which would benefit and enrich the Bishop Ford community.

National Honor Society members must provide leadership and render service to the school, therefore the criterion for induction is not simple. New members who are inducted for the society in December will have met the requirements of an 85 average or above, involvement in a number of School, Church, or community activities and must have exemplified the qualities of leadership and a commitment to serving others. These new members will add in work of the fifteen existing dedicated members.

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NHS AND NBHS INDUCT NEW MEMBERS



N.H.S. members: Mr. Tom (Moderator), Martin Brennan, Roger McManus, Randy Anderson, Joanne Delva, Mary Colon, Cheryl DeAbreu, Louise Ferronato, Joe Vassalo, Gaetano Castellano, Karen O'Connor Brian Coughlan, Beth Schebege, Barbara Trukawinski, Michelle Mejia, Josephine Diorio, Theresa Fontana, Louie Malisioso, Wilma Nicomedez.



N.B.H.S. members: Mark Crawford, Rose Marie Fiscetti, Mr. Kiernan (Moderator), Doreen Iaconino, Kathy Newman, Maryjane O'Neil, Andrew Cimino.

Condolences

The Editors and Staff of **Highpoint** regretfully mourn the passing of Sister Martha O'Dell, O.P.

"May she rest in peace."

FORD'S ZANY ZOO CREW

by Richie McManus

Most students at Bishop Ford know that the biology lab is located in Room 178 and it is in this room where such courses as biology, advanced biology and zoology are taken. It is also widely known that Dr. DeFina runs the whole operation and can be found here every day after school.

Most people don't really know what goes on in the bio lab after school and I find it my duty to set the record straight on what and who is in the bio lab and what is actually done there.

Fiction: Anyone can join the zoo squad.

Fact: Specially selected people are chosen to work on the zoo squad, such as, Gary Aronson, John Comis, Chris Razukos, Laura Allen, Josephine D'Orio, Andrew Vино, Anne and Ed Quintaro and Richie McManus.

Fiction: The biology lab con-

tains venomous, snakes and attack parakeets.

Fact: There is a diversity of animals in the lab, including: snakes, lizards, birds, fresh and saltwater fish, turtles, invertebrates, newts, frogs, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, mice and rats.

Fiction: The zoo squad listens to music, hangs out, drink beer and goes home when the beer runs out.

Fact: The members of the zoo squad tend to the various needs of the animals to help prolong their lives to the fullest extent. The animals are taken care of mostly on Monday and Thursday of each week. After the animals are taken care of the squad then helps in the setting up of experiments which will be used by certain life science classes for the next couple of weeks. After all is done, between 5-6 p.m., it's time to go home.

Fact: The biology lab is a great place to visit but even a greater place to work.

THE CHALK CIRCLE TRADITION THRIVES

By Susan Trukawinski

On December 14th and 15th, the Drama Club, under the direction of Mr. Mingrone, presented this fall's production titled "You Can't Take It With You," by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. This hysterical play relates the adventures of two families; one filthy rich; the other poor and accentric to say the least. The problems arise when the son of the first family wants to marry the daughter of the second.

The Drama Club, also called the Chalk Circle Players (a name given by Brother Jonathan, a former moderator) has put on many different productions, including Detective Story, Charley's Aunt, Enter Laughing, George Washington Slept Here and Auntie Mame. Many people who've seen the plays don't realize the amount of work that goes into a theatrical production Auditions for December's play were held early in October and rehearsals were scheduled three times a week until Thanksgiving, then everyday after that. Although there are only 19 characters in "You Can't Take It With You," including Doreen Pirone, Dina Prostamo, Tina Pagano, Frank Bracera, Robert Grant, Maria Summers, Alfred Campos, Matt Pette-nate, Patti Canepa, Danny Artz and Joan Diaz. There are approximately 40 in the Drama Club, those that aren't cast in the play help out the technical crew backstage. Although all plays are organized by the Drama Club, being a member is not a requirement to audition. Once cast in a part, the actor automatically becomes a member.

The Drama Club is one of the oldest clubs in Bishop Ford and Mr. Mingrone sees a very long and rewarding future ahead.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMO

by Spencer Colgan

Well folks, everything is on the move. Seniors Spencer Colgan and Thomas McManus have gone to St. Francis College to organize a swimming party that took place on January 4, 1985. We got several teams of six or seven people to be made up by the seniors themselves that played games such as water polo, innertube basketball and races against each other.

Also, who do you think set up the birth of the Falcon? That's right, the Mac Attack. A new variety of foods (different menus) will come soon.

That's right, the Mac Attack is on. If any person has any ideas please come forth and tell us! Don't be afraid! Just see any of the student council and we will do it, if reasonable.



Bio Club: Gary Aronson, Ann Quintero, John Comis, "Bones", Laura Allen, Chris Razukas; kneeling Rich McManus.

FACULTY FOCUS: ROCCO GRELLA

by Susan Trukawinski

One of the things students constantly ask is "What does the Assistant Principal do?" Just because Mr. Grella, Bishop Ford's Assistant Principal, is constantly seen walking the halls or hanging out in the lobby doesn't mean he is just a figurehead in our school. On the contrary, he has many responsibilities. Besides working with Brother Michel as his title implies, he is in complete charge of the administration and management of Bishop Ford when the Principal is absent. He also works with the teachers and students in such areas as mailing progress reports, report cards, conducting fire drills, planning and supervising open house, assigning teachers to various duties (lobby, cafeteria etc.), preparing examination schedules, approving field trip requests and working with the deans in controlling general school discipline.

Now that you know how valuable the Assistant Principal is to our school, you are probably dying to find out more about the man behind the title. Mr. Grella was born xx years ago. He attended St. John's Prep H.S. and majored in Pharmacy at St. John's University. He came to Bishop Ford in Sept. of 1966. After teaching science for eight years he was promoted (or demoted, however you look at it) to dean of the boys. In 1982 he became Assistant Principal.

When I asked Mr. Grella what he liked most about Bishop Ford (the only school he's ever taught in) he mentioned the students. He described them as "very warm, friendly and happy to be going to Bishop Ford." To my surprise, he couldn't think of anything he didn't like (although Mr. Campanaro who had strolled in, was quick to insert some propaganda about having changed everything he least liked in the school).

Mr. Grella likes teaching high school better than college or grammar school and he especially likes being a member of the Bishop Ford community.

NEONS AND WOOLS

by Wilma Nicomedez

Last summer, fashion designers from all over the world had planned to release and make famous some new and odd colors, along with their apparel designs. Although yellow was out since last year, it was to make a bigger splash this year. And it did. However, its counterparts, fluorescent green and orange, did not. Instead, they became famous early this fall. Also for fall is cobalt blue.

For winter, we have winter white conceived by both Anne Klein & Geoffrey Beene, almost at the same time. The fabrics are basically the same as fall's, but this time there is more emphasis by the designers on wool.

The well-tailored wool coat and jacket, wool tie and cropped pants along with an oxford shirt can start from about \$550 and up. It all depends on designer and where the outfit was bought. Also as a final note the three designers mentioned are not the only ones to have lines out on winter white, but they are considered to be the top by most fashion magazines.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MARY COLON

by Karen O'Connor

Our spotlight is student extraordinaire, Mary Colon. During her years at Ford, she has been involved in many clubs and activities including: the language club, ecology club, tutoring club, student council, junior and senior activities clubs and senior leadership. Aside from these Mary was president of the junior achievement program, editor-in-chief of Pagoda and president of the N.H.S.

Mary hopes to attend Georgetown University in the fall of '85. According to Mary, "Washington D.C. is full of action and Georgetown is definitely a 'hot' college."

When asked about Ford, Mary replied, "The best part of Ford has definitely been getting to know so many new people. The worst part was Fords weak foreign language program which definitely needs to be strengthened!"

Dr. Defina, who calls Mary "semi-colon", says Mary is extremely dedicated and, "She never lets me down."

Mary has been very successful here at Ford and I'm sure she will continue to be successful at whatever she does in the future.



FACULTY INTERVIEW: MR. NASH

by Mark Ladzenski

Mr. Nash, would you say that the teams will be better than last year or, if not, how have they changed?

The girls were hurt badly by graduation, so they might do a little worse or just about have the same record. But the boys will probably have a better record than last year.

2. Do you think that a team will go to any city championships towards the end of the 84/85 season?

Most teams will have a good chance to make it to the championships, last year the varsity basketball team went to the B semifinals in the city championships.

3. Wouldn't you say that it would be better if the teams had a physical ed. teacher

coaching than a math teacher
or any kind of teacher.

Not really, because some physical ed. teachers may not be qualified to be coaches and some regular teachers may be qualified.

4. Do you think that the track team has jumped off to their best start?

The boys track team probably jumped off to their best start because of the co-operation of the freshmen that have joined. The girls track team has jumped off to their best start in a couple of years, in other words they have jumped off to a very good start.

5. Are you going to be coaching any team during the 84/85 season?

Yes! I will be coaching the varsity basketball team.

Take pride in your school

65 AND STAY ALIVE

by Martin Brennan

Students have long since been either commended or condemned for their performance on the first quarter report cards. Those students who failed might find it interesting to know that most other schools, including Xaverian and all public schools, require a 65 percent, not a 70 percent, to pass. Students within the school, for various reasons, are beginning to support the lowering of the passing grade from 70 percent to 65 percent.

For instance, why should students be forced to maintain a 70 average all year when the statewide Regents exams, which are often used as course finals, require only a 65 in order to pass? The administration claims that by sustaining the present passing grade it will set Ford above other schools as an academic institution. In a school where the average SAT mark hovers in the 700's that system doesn't seem to be working. Perhaps, if the passing grade was lowered, teachers would be able to truly challenge students instead of being encouraged and sometimes forced to ask dull and uninspired questions.

Moreover, the present passing grade causes an excessive amount of failures. The tremendous number of students who fail are required, under strictly enforced school policy, to attend a summer session of classes. If the passing grade was lowered to 65 the decrease in failure would cause a substantial decline in summer school enrollment and hence a substantial decline in summer school income.

The administration should seriously consider the advantages of a 65% passing grade. Changes need to be made if the administration seriously wants Bishop Ford to attain legitimate status as an academically excellent center. Lowering of the passing grade will not bring us to the scholastic promised land without other changes as well, but it is an important step in that direction.



SURVIVING IN THE STREETS THE PLIGHT OF THE HOMELESS

by Andrew Renna

With the harsh winter season upon us, one must stop and think about our countries' homeless. There are an estimated 2 million homeless roaming the streets of America. Of these 2 million only a small fraction are the traditional hoboes and derelicts.

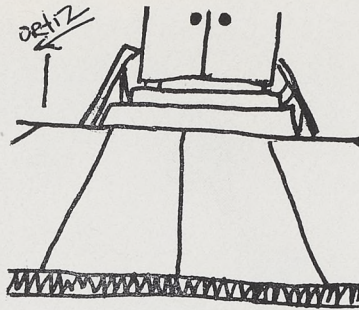
Most of the homeless people include discharged mental patients and victims of today's hard times and harsh fiscal policies. Widespread unemployment has put whole families on the road. In the public shelters, the homeless are younger, well-educated and more frustrated. Skid row has become more dangerous. There are more drugs and more violence, for many of the homeless do not know how to survive without preying on the weak and vulnerable.

A little more than a decade ago many of the homeless in America had places to go for food and shelter. Homelessness, at one time, was a controllable problem; but now the rapid release of mental patients from overcrowded institutions has drastically increased the number of homeless people. Deinstitutionalization is what they call it; what it means is hustling patients out of institutions because they seem sane; mainly because their behavior is controlled by psychotropic (mind-altering) drugs. Mental hospitals, at one time, were able to cut patient loads by 75 percent. Today there are an estimated 1.5 million chronically ill mental patients outside institutions.

Each year 2.5 million people in the United States are pushed, priced or forced out of where they live. Each year half a million units of low-rent housing disappear. They are torn down, burned or renovated for new young city dwellers who are renting, buying and converting old apartments and buildings. Cheap hotels are scarce and competition is fierce for single room occupancy hotels. Because of this, many of the mentally and economically fragile homeless are forced out into the street.

Perhaps the only buffer to the plight of the homeless are the federally and privately run shelters and centers. Many of the shelters are free and some charge only a nominal fee. These shelters provide temporary housing and three meals a day. They are not permanent and many of the homeless are forced back into the street.

Shelters and centers are no real answers to homelessness. Mental institutions must ban the deinstitutionalization practice and permanent housing for the homeless must be established. These changes are in the early stages and when completed, the number of homeless will slowly subside.



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HIGH POINT CORNER THE ELUSIVE MR. FERNANDEZ

by Evan McNeely

As I slowly walked through the open door, which has led to uncertain fate for many who have come before me, I glanced at the sign on the door. It read "Mr. Fernandez, Dean of Students." A further look and I noticed the letters printed underneath, barely distinguishable, "time will heal all wounds, especially when it is borrowed." I looked at the ragged chair in front of me with the seat sagging and thought of all the kids who have sat in it, I sat down. Then very quickly, concealed hand and leg cuffs snapped into place. A large metal hat lowered into place on my head as bone-chilling laughter pierced through my skull. Directly in front of me a black curtain drew itself to the side, revealing Mr. Fernandez, grinning with his hand extended upwards, holding a lever on the wall. Then, with surprise on his face, he said, "Oh! it's just you Evan." He pressed a button and the room turned back to normal.

But in reality, Manuel Fernandez and I had a nice little talk. I found out that Mr. Fernandez has been in this school for 19 years, 16 teaching Spanish and the last three as the Dean. Also, for anyone who didn't know, Mr. Fernandez is a bachelor who comes from Cuba, so I don't want to hear anyone making fun of his accent anymore, because if he hears you, he'll get upset and will have no one to go home to and let out his problems. I found Mr. Fernandez to be an intelligent, friendly person underneath his tough exterior, and the interview went something like this:

Highpoint: What's your method of integrating discipline into the school, making it more academic?

Fernandez: I don't think strong disciplinary measures are necessary for good academics. There must be discipline, but the learning is up to the kids. I don't think discipline can influence them too much.

Highpoint: What's the most compromising situation you've ever been in as a Dean at Bishop Ford?

Fernandez: Well, one time two students were arguing on the third floor and one pulled a blackjack out of his jacket to hit the other. Things were out of control and the police had to be called in. There was no fight and both boys were kicked out.

Highpoint: How did Bishop Ford security get started?

Fernandez: About two years ago when I became Dean, Bishop Ford had a lot of problems. Cars were being robbed and broken into right in the parking lot. Kids from other schools were coming in and starting trouble, so we had a meeting and started a system with juniors and seniors watching the school with one senior as supervisor. It proves to be valuable because from period 2 to 7 there are two security guards work-

ing the halls. They work in shifts. Every period they change. The only drawback is the seniors are very busy doing other things to get ready for graduation.

Highpoint: On the average, about how many people do you write up a day?

Fernandez: I don't write kids up. I interview them. In this office I see about 20 kids a day. For dress code I catch about 10 students out of the code.

Highpoint: Why did you decide to become a dean?

Fernandez: Ambition, I guess, to get a better position. I wanted to see a better disciplined school. The job was open, so I applied.

Highpoint: What are the advantages of being Dean?

Fernandez: Ambition I guess,

Fernandez: Honestly, I get to know a lot more students, at least 1,700. When I was a teacher I only knew about 150. A lot of kids would come to me for help and/or advise, and I liked helping them. Now, as a dean, many more students come to see me and I get to help more. Another advantage? Well I guess you can get a lot of things done.

Highpoint: Where are the difficulties?

Fernandez: The greatest difficulty is when I have to ask a student to leave. It's more difficult when I have to break the news to the parents. So far there aren't many difficulties.

Highpoint: What makes you really angry?

Fernandez: When people are mean to each other, like when students fight, or when a student yells at a teacher and vice versa. I believe people should respect one another, and when one loses respect. I get mad.

Highpoint: How do you feel when students break dress code?

Fernandez: All students have rules and should follow them. I don't like it when they break dress code because it screws up the system. We can't tell if they're outsiders of if they belong. One time two girls came into the school with a gun and went into the bathrooms to rob the students. We heard about it and caught them like that (he snaps his fingers). Because they were out of dress code.

Highpoint: Is there a code you follow or do you just wing-it?

Fernandez: I follow the rules in the student handbook. If someone is wrong, and even if it's not in the handbook it's still wrong, and I take the appropriate measures.

Highpoint: Are there times when you feel sorry for kids like when you throw them out.

Fernandez: I don't throw kids out. Brother Michel has the last word on that. But yes, I bring them to his attention.

FLASH: "Gary Aronson Cut His Hair"

FULL SCHEDULE PLANNED FOR SENIORS

by Marie Lucie Francois

On the night of November 5, 1984, Nuns, Playboy Bunnies, Indians, Rastafarians, Genis and all sorts of crazy characters met together in the Cafeteria of Bishop Ford High School. The reason for their meeting was the Senior Halloween Party.

The Halloween Party is only one of the many events sponsored by the Senior Activities Council. The Council, which consists of about 20 seniors, meet to plan various activities throughout the year. Besides the Halloween party, the council has also sponsored Senior Crazy hat and tie day. Both events have been a huge success.

These activities are only the beginning, there are many more planned for the seniors. The next event on the Council's calendar is the Senior Poll which is dated to be sometime during the first

week of December. On this day Seniors will vote to see who is class clown, most popular and various other titles.

Soon after the poll, about the second week in December, the council was busy decorating the first and third floors of the school where the senior home rooms are located. The council is aware that Christmas is not complete without a Christmas party so they had the Second Annual Christmas Party. The party is a formal dinner for both faculty and students held at Prospect Hall on December 21st.

After the Christmas Party, the seniors are given enough time to rest and prepare for the next big event which was the student-faculty superstar competitions, the seniors get a chance to compete against the faculty in athletic competitions. The teams play against

each other in such sports as volley ball and basketball. There's even an obstacle course where Seniors are given the chance to see their "favorite" teachers fall flat on their ends. This is the 4th Annual Superstar competition and hopefully a win for the Seniors. The competition does not end the list of Senior activities. The council is thinking about sponsoring a third annual Hawian Night during the month of March.

The night the whole Senior class is looking forward to is May 24th, that is the date of the Senior prom which will be held at Terrace on the Park. Prom Night is the climax of senior year, leading down hill to the end. The end being June 1st when the graduation exercises will take place.

So enjoy the year seniors, your activities council has done their best to make your last year very memorable.

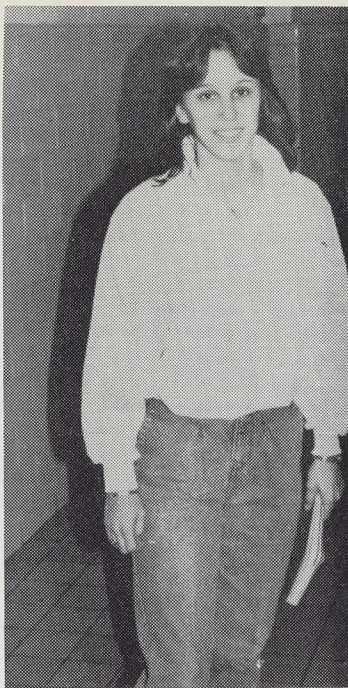
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KATHY "MINNIE" ROSSITER

by Louise Ferrarotto

Kathy has been involved in sports all of her four years at Ford. She came to us from St. Rose of Lima parish where she first became interested in sports. She has played varsity basketball, volleyball and softball and excels at each one. Kathy is captain of both the volleyball and basketball teams, but she prefers to play volleyball because she thinks that it's more exciting and the team is more closely knit both on and off the court.

"Minnie", as she is known to her friends, has very little spare time. Even her summers are spent involved in sports. This summer she played on the Big Apple team at Edward R. Murrow.

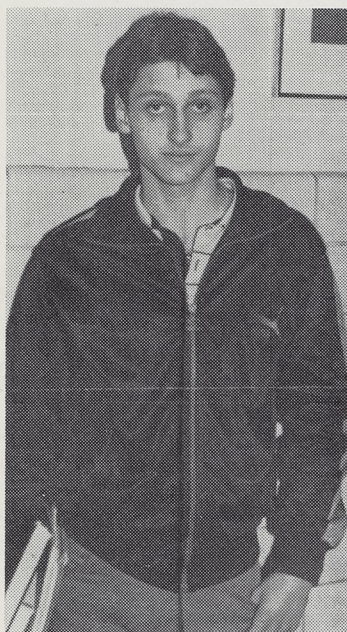
I asked Kathy if she was sorry for giving up so much of her time (because she is dedicated to sports), she replied, "No, because I enjoy doing it and it will somehow be involved with my future plans". When asked about her future plans, she is undecided, but has Slippery Rock and St. Bonaventure in mind. In whatever she will do we know she will be a success.



Kathy Rossiter

GIRLS TRACK

by Beth Schebece



Pete Nash

The girls track team starts their season off with another new coach. Last year's coaches, Phys. Ed. teacher, Miss Virginia McGee and later on Mr. Junior Echeandia could not return due to previous commitments. The Athletic Department would like to welcome Miss Anne Dolan as the new girls track coach. Anne is a college runner who graduated from Brown University this past June. Miss Dolan, who is an experienced runner, but with not much experience in coaching, stated, with the from the older girls and from Mr. Vasquez (freshmen boys coach) everything should turn out alright."

Although small in size, the team is large in spirit, but would very much like to see other girls come out and join.

J. V. CAGERS

by Glenn Butler

One of the biggest problems facing this year's J.V. basketball team is whether they can repeat last year's championship season. There will be a lot of added pressure on the team, but everyone is hoping they can handle it. Another reason it will be hard for them to repeat is that all the teams will be psyched up to play our team. The team will have to adjust to a new coach, Mr. Piselli and will face tougher competition in the J.V. circuit. The team is going to play more of a running game this year. The team lacks a lot of size due to Harry Gordon's promotion to the varsity, but more than makes up for it with speed, agility, and competitiveness.

Even though the team won the CHSAA freshmen title last year, they have worked hard during the pre-season and it showed in their near perfect record. Coach Piselli feels that the team's biggest opposition is going to be themselves. If this team isn't overconfident they will be in the running for the championship again. Only two players could make the team this year that didn't last year. The two new additions are Kevin Israel and Matt Malone. Kevin is a guard who is quick and a very good all around player. Matt is a lefty with a good shot, Vince Jackson and Mark Jabir are two very good guards. Other guards are Bob Cooper, Brian Leary, Jay Prussing and Nick Meyer. The forwards are Mike Yannaco, Ray Quinn, and Anthony Markle. Ray Quinn is a very versatile player who also plays guard. Mike Yannaco is a strong guy who can go to the boards when needed. Anthony Markle is the tallest forward on the team. Tom (Beef) McFee will probably be the center. Tom is a natural forward who was pressed to play center due to the loss of Harry Gordon. Tom is a big mobile guy who can put the ball through the net. He is also a good rebounder.

Coach Piselli has a very talented bunch to work with and if he can motivate them enough they will be in the play offs again. It will be a hard task, but Coach Piselli can do it. Good luck guys.

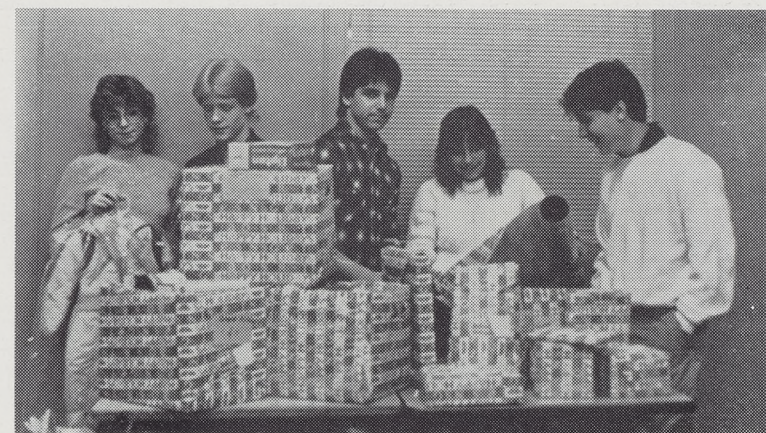
VARSVITY HOOPSTERS FLYING HIGH AFTER KEY VICTORIES

by Brian Coughlan

It just may be another championship season for our basketball team. This year the pressure is on the freshmen Coach Mr. Bellino and the new freshmen to have a repeat season. The freshmen team is very well rounded with height and agility. Brian Nash and Joe Fernandez are the ball handlers while Greg Amitrano, Greg Markle and Brian Lang crash the boards. The team's real strength is its bench. Any one of its thirteen members can be put in at anytime which is something that many teams can't do. Hopefully the freshmen can put things together and lead Ford into the city championships.

This year's cinderella team of the league just might be Ford's varsity basketball team. Though their height is not great it is made up by their speed and ability to shoot. This year's team is led by Captains Peter Nash and Andrew Vilacky. The seniors include Matt Long, Jim Long, Clarence Jones and Marco Golding. Though it is terrible that Power Memorial closed, Ford has gained two dominant basketball strengths in Patrick Burke and Alfred Mills. The juniors on the team are Neil Gouldsbury, Ralph Amitrano, Vinnie Maetta, and Sean Malone. Plus to nobody's surprise Coach Nash raised Harry Gordon to the varsity team after a spectacular year as a freshman. Mr. Nash considers this team to be one of the finest shooting teams in New York. This is possibly an understatement because after six scrimmages the team is shooting almost 60% from the field which is quite impressive.

As you can see, the season looks bright for the varsity. We hope they prosper and bring the championship to where it belongs.



Joan Scotto, Mark Belli, Derek Rushton, Dana Frashilla, and Mike McGee wrap Christmas gifts for "the poor among us" campaign.

SPORTLIGHT: PETE NASH

by Michaelle Halaby

This issue the student spotlight focuses on Pete Nash. Like his father, Mr. Nash, Pete also possesses charm, intelligence, and outstanding ability. He is a shining example that one can be a jock and still be intelligent as well.

Throughout his four years at Ford, Pete has maintained a 97 average and has always achieved academic excellence every quarter. Instead of taking it easy in his senior year, Pete has taken three challenging college credit courses: Advanced Biology, Composition and Rhetoric, and Calculus. When asked whether he felt pressured by some teachers because he is Mr. Nash's son Pete replied, "All the teachers treat me the same as the other students."

Pete has also found time to participate in a number of extracurricular activities such as the Biology Club, Tutoring, Math League, and Yearbook. He is presently the secretary of the National Honor Society, a Senior leader, and a member of the Student Council.

Pete's major extra-curricular activity is basketball. When asked how he felt having his father as coach Pete replied, "Playing for my father has been a great challenge". He is presently co-captain of the Varsity Basketball team and hopes to see the team through the Brooklyn Championship. "I think we have a real good shot at winning it this year", Pete added. Last year he made the New York Post's All Brooklyn list. He was also chosen to be on the Empire State Game's basketball team which won the gold medal.

His outstanding athletic ability has been acknowledged by several colleges such as: William and Mary, Stetson, Northeastern, Columbia, and Mount Saint Mary, all of which are trying to recruit him. As of now Pete is still undecided as to which college he wants to attend but is looking for scholarships from schools of this caliber. At college he would like to pursue his interest in either Law or Journalism.

REMINDER

Upcoming Sports Events

Basketball Playoffs: Beginning of the following C.H.S. A.A. seasons; JV and Varsity Basketball, Girls' Varsity Softball, Varsity Boys and Girls Tennis. **Intramurals:** Hockey, 5 Man Basketball. Please listen to announcements about these events. If you can't participate come out and root for our Falcons!

LADY FALCONS RISE AGAIN

by Karen O'Connor

The girls basketball team is looking forward to a successful season this year. Faithfully practicing every day the girls are in the best possible condition. Most of our team returns from last year. These players are Seniors: JoAnne Hunt, Karen O'Connor and Kathy Rossiter, juniors: Colleen Donahue, Jeanis Dopman, Karen McGee and Tara Zarcone; sophmores: Angela Jones and Ann Marie Marto-

relli. Newcomers include sophmores Daniella Coleman, Jackie Galetta and Heather Bowen; freshman: Margaret Killen and Eileen Long. The new coach this year is Miss Patty Moffat. Miss Moffat comes to us from Cathedral High School located in Manhattan. Managers are Louise Ferrarotto and Anne Gorowski. With their talent and experience and new talent the Lady Falcons will be strong this year and for years to come.